

## NACCAS Board of Commissioners Adopts Changes

The National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts & Sciences, Inc. (NACCAS) Board of Commissioners, at its recent meeting held February 4, 2014, in accordance with NACCAS' *Rules of Practice and Procedures*, Section 10.3, (b), adopted changes by emergency action that became effective immediately and some that are effective immediately to the:

- Standards and Policies, with the removal of Policy III.01, (by emergency action):
- *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Section 7.3 (by emergency action) (the changes made have been bold and black-lined). (Refer to Part 7.3(c) of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure and Standard III* Guidelines in the "Sample Forms, Guidelines, and Guidance for Understanding Standards and Policies" publication found on the NACCAS website)
- Appendices to the *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, deletion of Appendix #14A, (effective immediately)
- Appendices to the *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Appendix #9, (effective immediately) (the changes made have been bold and black-lined)
- *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Section 2.5, (effective immediately) (the changes made have been bold and black-lined).

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### Section 7.3 Decision on Show Cause Order

Upon expiration of the time limits for submission of the Response to the Show Cause Order or any progress report or additional requirements placed on a school in relation to the Show Cause Order, a decision will be made on the institution's compliance with the accreditation standard, procedure or other requirement cited in the order.

- (c) Where an administrative show cause order is issued based on an official cohort default rate in excess of the threshold established by the U.S. Department of Education, the Commission or a committee shall remove the order with a reporting requirement if the institution's response shows that any one of the following was present during the 24 months preceding issuance of the show cause order:
- (1) Fifteen percent or fewer of the institution's students who are enrolled on at least a half-time basis have received any federal student loan; or
  - (2) Two-thirds or more of the institution's students are individuals from disadvantaged economic backgrounds (based on the Pell grant index for zero family contribution) and the institution has complied with NACCAS' outcomes standards for the two most recent years for which annual reports were required to be submitted to NACCAS; or
  - ~~(3) One or more of the bases for waiving monitoring under the Default Management Consultation Policy is met.~~
  - (3) The institution submits a copy of its letter to the U.S. Department of Education formally withdrawing from participation in the Title IV Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) loan program(s), together with the receipt indicating the letter was received by the Department;
  - ~~(4) The institution submits a letter from the U.S. Department of Education accepting the institution's withdrawal from participation in the Family Federal Education Loan Program (FFEL);~~
  - ~~(5) The institution submits evidence that its official default rate has been below the congressional threshold for the past three years;~~
  - ~~(6) The institution is successful in obtaining a rescission of the show cause order under [Part 7](#) (see page 102) of the *Rules*;~~
  - ~~(7) The institution's appeal of its official default rate is pending before the U.S. Department of Education; or~~
  - (8) The institution has a default management plan that complies with the Guidelines for Preparation of a Default Management Plan in NACCAS' [Sample Forms and Guidelines](#) booklet (found on the NACCAS website under "Other Key Documents").

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### Appendix #9 - Change Of Control Categories And Requirements

#### Requirements General to Categories 2 and 3

1. At least 30 days before the expected effective date of the Change of Control, submit the required application form, together with:

- f. A balance sheet for the institution as of the effective date of the Change of Control (to be submitted within 30 days after the effective date of the Change of Control, **but prior to the Commission's approval**), **audited** ~~compiled~~ by an independent certified public accountant on an accrual basis of accounting according to GAAP.

### **Section 2.5 Application for Initial Accreditation**

**Application form for initial accreditation, *Application #2*, is found on the NACCAS website at [www.naccas.org](http://www.naccas.org) under "Applications and Forms."** The application form for initial accreditation *Application #2*, found on the NACCAS website under "Applications and Forms" may be printed from the NACCAS Website at [www.naccas.org](http://www.naccas.org) or requested by writing or telephoning the NACCAS headquarters. The correct mailing address the school must be specified in the request.